

Monday: Three Ways to Focus on Digital Citizenship

(Dress-up suggestion: glasses)

1. **Share your vision.** Get everyone on the same page. If you don't have a vision to share at this time, share [this video](#) with your faculty as a dialogue starter: what is it we want students to do with technology? Now is the time to design your vision statement! Here are [some resources](#) to help you get started. In the meantime, as a school community take the Indiana Digital Citizenship Week pledge.

I pledge to develop positive habits as a digital citizen. I will empower myself as a learner by practicing safe, legal, and ethical technology use in and out of school.

2. **Commit to growing.** Common Sense has developed a set of professional-development resources that help educators get up to speed and stay abreast of all the latest developments in effectively teaching the digital-citizenship curriculum. These resources highlight best practices through video interviews with teachers and [archived webinars](#) introducing the grade level curriculum.

Educators: Use today to [create your account of Common Sense Media](#) and begin exploring the digital citizenship curriculum and training.

If you complete the training, consider sending out this Tweet:

I just completed @CommonSenseEdu K12 Online Curriculum Training! Are you ready to teach #digcit? Learn how: <http://ow.ly/gKrAe> #INeLearn

Tomorrow we begin sharing lesson plans for students across all grade levels. A great way to assess what students takeaway from this week of learning is to have them capture their understanding of what it means to be a digital citizen today. You might have elementary age students fold a paper in half on the landscape (like a card). Capture their initial thoughts on one side of the crease. On Friday, have students share their redefined thinking for a side-by-side comparison. Older students may want to do this by recording themselves on video. You may even have students work in groups to complete this.

3. **Bring families into the conversation.** The generational divide poses new challenges to parents trying their best to support kids in this digital world. Even the most tech-savvy parents welcome the opportunity to help their children become better digital citizens. Introduce your PTA or parent coordinators to Common Sense Education's brand-new, yearlong parent outreach program, [Connected Families](#). You can begin sharing information with families today by embedding the Making Sense blog for families in your school's or district's site. Get the code: <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/widgets>.